Dear reader,

The ever-more-tense geopolitical environment has driven EU Member States and institutions, with a large public opinion support, to decide unprecedented steps towards an increased role of the EU in Security and Defence of the continent. Ten years after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, these four studies take stock of the achievements - or lack thereof - and remaining challenges, in issue areas crucial for the development of the CSDP. They provide targeted input to the Sub-Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE) in view of its priority setting and initiatives for the new Parliamentary term. The moment is crucial, as choices made by the EU in Security and Defence are likely to be decisive for its Strategic Autonomy, and therefore for its future.

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Chair of the Sub-Committee on Security and Defence

Ten years of CSDP

Policy Department for External Relations

EU's Common, Security and Defence Policy has seen unprecedented developments since 2009. Many challenges remain, unity and political will being sine qua non conditions.

These four short analyses requested by the SEDE sub-committee assess progress made and where the EU stands on Security and Defence, ten years after the Lisbon Treaty. They focus on key issues for the future: capabilities development, technological and industrial base, missions and operations, and the institutional framework.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The mental health of workers in the digital era
Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

How does the digital era affect the mental health of workers? What are the recent findings on the topic? This briefing requested by the EMPL Committee aims to provide an insight into how recent technical innovation and its pace affect the mental well-being of workers. It summarises the findings of the relevant literature and identifies areas requiring further research or data collection.

Visibility and communication of cohesion policy in online media
Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

This study evaluates the visibility and communication of cohesion policy in online media and the effectiveness of communication activities. The communication of cohesion policy in online media has been weak in recent years, despite the increased political priority placed on communication by EU institutions. Media coverage is often shallow, with limited depth of understanding or analysis and there is little appreciation of the role of the EU or wider impact of the policy.

FEMM mission to Croatia
Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

A delegation of the Women’s Rights and Gender Equality committee will be in Croatia to attend a high-level conference on Gender Equality: “Participation of women on the labour market – Benefit for society! Equality between women and men is a fundamental value of the Union. It is therefore important to promote equal opportunities and non-discrimination based on sex. The FEMM mission will attend i.a. the EU Conference on Gender Equality and discuss gender equality issues with Croatian authorities.

EU Own Resources
Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

This Briefing is a background note for the Committee on Budgets public hearing on “EU Own Resources and Fiscal Policy Harmonisation: Untapped potential for Synergies?”. It describes the very specific structure of the EU revenue coming from three types of own resources, i) traditional own resources, ii) VAT-based own resource and iii) GNI-based own resource. State of play of what has been done to improve own resource is provided. Lastly, fiscal policy harmonisation initiatives are listed.

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